Palatine German

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1 Overview

Language family:	Indo-European (Germanic)
Countries:	Germany (Southwest Palatinate, Rheinpfalz)
Number of speakers:	ca. 1 million
Agreement features:	number, person
Attested word orders:	SV
Coordination types:	and, or

(The data were entered by a native speaker via an online survey.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with "and"

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

2nd conjunct 1st conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

(1)   Der   Buh   unn der   Mann   renne.
      the.SG boy.SG and the.SG man.SG run.3PL
      'The boy and the man run.'

(2)   a.   Die   Buwe unn der   Mann   renne.
           the.PL boy.PL and the.SG man.SG run.3PL
           'The boys and the man run.'
      b.   Der   Buh   unn die   Männer renne.
           the.SG boy.SG and the.PL man.PL run.3PL
           'The boy and the men run.'

(3)   Die   Buwe unn die   Männer renne.
      the.PL boy.PL and the.PL man.PL run.3PL
      'The boys and the men run.'

2.2 Coordination with "or"

2.2.1 SV order

Pattern: With two singular conjuncts, the verb is singular or plural. If the two conjuncts mismatch in number, number is resolved to plural.

2nd conjunct 1st conjunct	sg	pl
sg	sg/pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

(4)   Der   Buh   odder der   Mann   rennt/renne.
      the.SG boy.SG or   the.SG man.SG run.3SG/run.3PL
      'The boy or the man run.'

(5)   a.   Die   Buhwe odder der   Mann   renne.
           the.PL boy.PL or   the.SG man.SG run.3PL
           'The boys or the man run.'
      b.   Der   Buh   odder die   Männer renne.
           the.SG boy.SG or   the.PL man.PL run.3PL
           'The boy or the men run.'

(6)   Die   Buwe odder die   Männer renne.
            the.PL boy.PL or   the.PL man.PL run.3PL
            'The boys or the men run.'

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with "and"

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: In all cases person is resolved to 1st/3rd person. (Notes: 1st and 3rd plural are syncretic. Number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1/3pl	1/3pl
2	1/3pl		
3	1/3pl		

Examples:

(7)   a.   Du unn isch renne.
            you and I   run.1/3PL
            'You and I run.'
    b.   Isch unn du   renne.
            I   and you run.1/3PL
            'I and you run.'

(8)   a.   Mehr unn sie   renne.
            we   and they run.1/3PL
            'We and they run.'
    b.   Sie unn mehr renne.
            they and we   run.1/3PL
            'They and we run.'

3.2 Coordination with "or"

3.2.1 SV order

Pattern: In all cases person is resolved to 1st/3rd person. (Notes: 1st and 3rd plural are syncretic. Number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1/3pl	1/3pl
2	1/3pl		
3	1/3pl		

Examples:

(9)   a.   Du odder isch renne.
            you or   I   run.1/3PL
            'You or I run.'

b. Isch odder du renne.
   I   or   you run.1/3PL
   'I or you run.'

(10) a. Mehr odder sie renne.
         we   or   they run.1/3PL
         'We or they run.'
      b. Sie   odder mehr renne.
         They or   we   run.1/3PL
         'They or we run.'